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ABSTRACT

Librarianship is in a period of great transition. Expanding uses of information technology and a dramatically changing demographic and economic environment are forcing librarians to re-examine their profession and to ask questions about their future relevance and viability. Change is and should be viewed as an ongoing and critical component of librarians' professional lives; librarians must become advocates for libraries in an increasingly competitive environment for funding and for public space in the information infrastructure; technology is changing both the nature of librarians' services and the way in which people get the information they need to lead their lives. Part one contains essays discussing technology and libraries, part two addresses the new roles for librarians, and part three has essays on library services in a changing environment. The book contains 15 essays: (1) "Staking a Claim for Public Space in Cyberspace" (Nancy C. Kranich); (2) "Roles for a Digital Age" (W. Lee Hisle); (3) "The Electronic Straitjacket" (John C. Swan); (4) "Information Technology in the Academic Environment" (Nancy L. Eaton); (5) "Can Intellectual Freedom Survive the Information Age?" (Gordon M. Conable and Carrie Gardner); (6) "Lead or Be Led: Change Is Inevitable" (Patricia Glass Schuman); (7) "Recruitment: A Task for Saviors" (Peggy Sullivan); (8) "Recruitment and Retention of Librarians of Color" (Camila A. Alire); (9) "Preparation for Librarians as Agents of Change" (Barbara I. Dewey); (10) "Library and Information Studies Education" (June Lester); (11) "The Call of the Sirens to Library Education" (Irene B. Hoadley); (12) "Research, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship" (Susan Gilbert Beck and Donald E. Riggs); (13) "Our Failure To Seek, Much Less Achieve, Funding and Management Support" (Herbert S. White); (14) "Free and Equal Access to Library Services and Technology" (Sara Behrman); (15) "Stayin' Alive: New Americans, New Approaches" (Joseph R. Dionne). Also contains biographical information about the contributors and an index. (Author/SWC)

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